

2011 Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant

STMA, in partnership with Turface Athletics, is pleased to present the 2011 Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant to Weston Floyd from the University of Texas at Tyler. He is the Eastern Region representative on the Texas STMA Board of Directors, has hosted seminars at his facility for the members, and continues to champion the Texas Chapter as an excellent resource for sports turf managers in Texas.

According to the person who nominated

Floyd, Dan Bergstrom, senior director of major league field operations for the Houston Astros, he is a, "proven and promising young professional." Bergstrom continues, "He will use his time wisely at the conference, and he will continue to grow in our industry. I expect his leadership and loyalty to STMA in the future to only grow."

In winning the grant, Floyd receives a complimentary conference registration and up to \$1,000 in reimbursement of ex-

penses for travel, lodging and incidentals in Long Beach for the 2012 Conference. He will also be recognized as the recipient at the 2012 STMA Awards Banquet on January 13.

STMA and Turface would like to thank all those who applied for the Terry Mellor Continuing Education Grant and would encourage all STMA members looking for assistance in getting to the 2013 Conference in Daytona to do so as well. ■

Inaugural Gary Vanden Berg Internship Grant Presented

STMA is pleased to announce Aaron Bryant of the University of Tennessee as the winner of the first Gary Vanden Berg Internship Grant. Bryant interned for the New York Mets at Citi Field under the supervision of Bill Deacon, director of landscaping and field operations. According to Deacon, Bryant was, "an outstanding worker, was very inquisitive and demonstrated an ability to apply what he had learned." According to Dr. John Sorochan, associate professor and distinguished sci-

entist at the University of Tennessee and Bryant's academic advisor, "Aaron is an outstanding young man who has tremendous passion for the sports turf industry, particularly baseball. Also, he is an excellent student and a leader in-and-out-of the classroom, including as an officer in the UT Turfgrass Club."

The \$1,000 grant is awarded to an STMA Student Member in good standing with the association, who is enrolled in at least six credit hours in the current semester or se-

mester immediately before the internship, and who successfully completed their internship. The grant is intended to offset the costs Bryant incurred while interning including, but not limited to transportation, lodging, food, and subsidy to any wages. In addition to receiving the \$1,000 grant, the winner will also receive a full conference registration and 3 nights lodging at the next STMA National Conference and Exhibition. ■

STMA Presents Awards at Baseball Winter Meetings

Last month, STMA presented the Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Manager of the Year Awards at the Baseball Winter Meetings in Dallas. STMA proudly sponsors these awards, which are presented annually to a Sports Turf Manager at the Triple-A, Double-A, Single-A and Short-Season/Rookie levels.

The winning sports turf manager from each of the 16 leagues (three Triple-A,

three Double-A, five Single-A and five Short-Season/Rookie) is then eligible to compete for the award within their respective classification. The awards are selected by the STMA Awards Committee.

The 2011 STMA Minor League Baseball Sports Turf Managers of the Year are:

- Triple-A: Joey Stevenson, Indianapolis Indians
- Double-A: Matt Parrott, Bowie Baysox
- Single-A: Doug Tanis, Winston-Salem Dash
- Short-Season/Rookie: Jon Hall, Danville Braves

STMA and the Awards Committee commend these individuals for their outstanding dedication, effort and talents which have elevated their facilities to the pinnacle of Minor League Baseball playing surfaces. ■

Save the Date for 2012 Regional Conference

After a highly successful event last year in Knoxville, TN STMA will again host a regional conference in 2012. The Mid-American Regional Conference will be June 26-27, 2012 in Cincinnati, Ohio at Paul Brown Stadium, home of the Cincinnati Bengals. In addition to the Ohio Chapter, Kentucky, KAFMO, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Tennessee Valley and Virginia chapters are all supporting the event.

The education program will include speakers from around the nation on a variety of turfgrass topics, facility tours, an exhibition and a networking event. More than 300 people have been on-site for previous events in Knoxville, Seattle, Ames, IA and Philadelphia. We look forward to another great event in Cincinnati and hope to see you there! ■

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STMA Announces 2011 Field of the Year Award Winners

STMA is pleased to announce the following Field of the Year winners for 2011.

Baseball

- Schools and Parks – Village Green Park; Village of Northbrook, IL; Michael Brouillard
- College and University – Simmons Field at Taylor Stadium; Columbia, MO; Josh McPherson, CSFM
- Professional – Roger Dean Stadium; Jupiter, FL; Jordan Treadway

Football

- Schools and Parks – Louisa County High School Football Stadium, “The Jungle”; Mineral, VA; Michael Hopkins
- College and University – Ryan Field at Northwestern University; Evanston, IL; Randy Stoneberg

Soccer

- Schools and Parks – Maryland Soccer-Plex; Boyds, MD; Jerad Minnick
- College and University – Ludwig Field at the University of Maryland; College Park, MD; Jeremy Menna
- Professional – Pizza Hut Park; Frisco, TX; Allen Reed

Softball

- Schools and Parks – Ashley Ridge High School Softball Field; Summerville, SC; Robert Behr
- College – Patricia Wilson Field; DeLand, FL; Steve Barnard

Sporting Grounds

- Schools and Parks – Infinity Park; City of Glendale, CO; Joshua Bertrand

A panel of six judges independently scored each entry and presented awards based on the playability and appearance of the playing surfaces, innovative solutions employed, effective use of budget, and the development and implementation of a comprehensive, sound agronomic program. The STMA Awards Committee includes Chair Allen Johnson, CSFM; Patrick Coakley, CSFM; Jeff Fowler; Joe Kovolyan, CSFM; Sarah Martin, CSFM; and Tim VanLoo, CSFM. These judges come from all segments of STMA membership and represent some of the finest facilities in all of America.

Winners will be presented with their award during the Annual STMA Awards Ban-

quet January 13, 2012, at the Hyatt Long Beach in Long Beach, CA. In addition to their award, each Field of the Year winner receives complimentary registration to the 2012 STMA Conference and Exhibition, 3 nights lodging, and signature clothing for the award winners and their staff. The winning fields will also be featured in a 2012 article in *SportsTurf*, the official magazine of STMA.

The 2011 STMA Field of the Year Awards are sponsored by Carolina Green Corporation, Ewing Irrigation, Hunter Industries, and World Class Athletic Surfaces. The support of these important STMA Commercial Members is necessary to provide our industry with a robust, prestigious awards program; one that recognizes the hard work of each STMA member and rewards those who excel. ■

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